

BASEBALL BITS

2015 Season



Dates to Remember

Feb 20	Registration Ends (Refund Deadline)
March 7	Evaluation Day (Ages 7-12)
April 2	Coaches Meeting
April 6	Practices can begin
April 10	You should hear from your coach
April 13	Games Begin (Ages 13-15)
May 2	Games Begin (Ages 7-12)
May 9	Games Begin (Ages 4-6)

Evaluation Day

All participants in the 7 - 12 year old divisions will attend the "Evaluation Day" on March 7. Location and times will be announced at a later date. In a effort to provide team parity, all participants will be evaluated to better place them on a team. Attendance of the evaluation is important as ALL participants will be evaluated based on the same criteria. Each child will participate in a series of baseball skills assessment drills at various stations. When all of the stations have been completed, the child is done with the evaluation. American and National divisions will be formed based on the evaluation results. American and National divisions will be combined if attendance is low.

Game Days

T-Ball (Ages 4-5)	Saturday Morning
Jr Coach Pitch (Ages 5-6)	Saturday Morning
Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8)	Monday - Thursday
Pee Wee (Ages 9-10)	Monday - Thursday
Midget (Ages 11-12)	Monday - Thursday
Prep (Ages 13-15)	Monday - Thursday

Aging Date

The Columbus Parks and Recreation leagues are governed by Babe Ruth so we follow their aging date of **April 30** of the current year. A player's age on 4/30/2015 will determine what league he/she plays in this year. Please contact your division manager or Donner Center (812) 376-2680 with any questions.

Cancellations

Practice Cancellations

If you have any questions regarding the status of your child's practice, please call your child's coach. The Parks & Rec staff will **NOT** have this information.

Game Cancellations

If the weather is questionable, call the Parks and Recreation Activity Line (812) 376-2682, listen to local radio stations, check the baseball webpage or check out the Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Columbus Parks & Recreation

Donner Center

376-2680 739

22nd St, Columbus, In 47201

www.columbusparksandrec.com

Prep League

Players cannot be playing on a high school team. Travel is required to play in the league. All players must attend the evaluation days. The Prep League evaluation days are TBA. Registered participants will be called with this information.

Columbus Wildcats

This is the travel team division with the Columbus Babe Ruth Baseball and the official representation of the program in the Babe Ruth Tournament. Six teams are offered: Coach Pitch 8,9,10,11,12 and 13 year olds. Teams are selected from published open try-outs of all participants in the Parks and Recreation program.

Background Check & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Rec Dept. will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website-- www.columbusparksandrec.com. **All parents should read the Code of Conduct!!!**

Please feel free to call or email Patrick Senn at (812) 376-2680 or psenn@columbus.in.gov with any questions.

Division Managers

The Division Managers are the critical link between the coaches and the baseball board. They also better link Parks and Recreation to the coaches.

Division Managers are empowered to handle many situations as they arise throughout the baseball season. Division Managers are often coaches themselves. Their closeness to practices and games of the other coaches make them the perfect accessible contact.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I hear from my child's coach?

The coaches will receive their rosters on April 2. You should receive a call / email from your child's coach by April 10. If you do not hear from them by this time, call Donner Center at (812) 376- 2680.

Can my child change teams if he/she cannot make a practice?

Unfortunately, no. We instead require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are unable to attend practice.

What if I have a problem?

Go to your coach first. If that does not help, please contact the division manager for your child's age group.

What about uniforms?

Each player ages 5-8 will receive a t-shirt and cap. PeeWee, midget and Prep teams also receive hats and t-shirts which are sponsored by local businesses. Coaches will distribute uniforms prior to the first game.

How can I get involved?

We are always looking for people to assist in any way. Call or email Patrick Senn at (812)376-2680 or psenn@columbus.in.gov.

Division	Division Manager	Phone
T-Ball	Oscar Rains	(812) 799-0225
Jr CP	John Boldrey	(812) 372-5994
CNP	Larry Thrasher	(812) 375-1288
PW/Midget/Prep	Brad Glenn	(812) 343-9424

Questions & Answers

Question	T-Ball / Jr Coach Pitch	Coach Pitch / Pee Wee / Midget
What happens if a game is cancelled because of bad weather?	Make up games are played on Sunday with games beginning at 1pm.	Make up games are scheduled for the first available Friday. Coaches will let players know make up dates.
How long is the season?	There are 6 games beginning May 9, all on Saturdays.	It is a 10 game season with a single elimination tournament. The season begins with a jamboree on Saturday, May 2.
Are there awards?	Yes! All participants receive an award.	Yes! All CP American participants receive an award. CP National, Pee Wee and Midget leagues give awards for 1st & 2nd place.

Do you have questions that weren't answered here? Need additional information? Contact Brad Glenn, Columbus Babe Ruth Baseball Board President at (812)343-9424 or email bglenn22@comcast.net